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SUBJECT: GABONESE TROOPS IN SHABA

1. LIBREVILLE DAILY L'UNION OF AUG 12-13 CARRIED REPORT OF VISIT TO SHABA BY GABONESE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES, GENERAL BA OUMAR, AUG 2-3, ACCOMPANIED BY JOURNALISTS.

2. EN ROUTE, BA OUMAR WAS GREETED IN KINSHASA BY COLONEL YOKA, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, ZAIRIAN AIR FORCE, AND GENERAL BOTOTO, LOGISTICS CHIEF OF FAZ, AND IN SHABA BY MOROCCAN COLONEL BEN ABDEL WAHDJ. HE ALSO MET WITH MOROCCAN COLONEL-MAJOR LUBARIS.

3. BA OUMAR VISITED GABONESE CONTINGENT STATIONED AT KIPUSHI, CALLED ON FAZ COLONEL MIKA THERE, AND FOUND GABONESE "WITHOUT ANY MAJOR PROBLEM." HE PROMISED THEM "AIR LIAISON" BETWEEN LIBREVILLE AND LUBUMBASHI SO THAT GABONESE MILITARY MIGHT VISIT THEM PERIODICALLY AND THAT TROOPS MIGHT RECEIVE MAIL. IN BEGINNING, COOL SHABA CLIMATE HAD CAUSED SOME ILLNESS,
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BUT TROOPS ADJUSTED.

4. ONLY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WERE (A) STATEMENT THAT NORMAL DURATION OF CAMPAIGN BEING THREE MONTHS, TROOPS COULD EXPECT BE RELIEVED IN SEPTEMBER (NOT STATED BY WHOM), AND (B) REPORT THAT SENEGALESE ARE AT KOWEZI, TOGOLESE AT LIKASI AND MOROCCANS "EVERYWHERE." REMAINDER OF

ARTICLE TOLD GABONESE THEY COULD BE PROUD OF THEIR
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